

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation. Indeed, these dangers may effect us nationally as Sinclair attempts to illegally sway a democratic election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Media giants are not Jolly Giants, but menacing peasant-crushing Giants. The actions of Sinclair illustrate a blatant attempt at brainwashing the populace into voting for the man who best serves their interests, not the peoples'.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.